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SUBJ: ANGOLA A KEY TOPIC IN PRIME MINISTER'S NEW

YEAR'S MESSAGE: CITIZEN FORCE UNITS CALLED

FOR DUTY

1. SPEAKING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH SOUTH AFRICA VIEWS SOVIET

ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA AND ASSURED PUBLIC THAT HE AND HIS

COLLEAGUES WERE GIVING SITUATION THEIR FULL ATTENTION

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DAY AND NIGHT. SPEECH ADDED LITTLE TO PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE

CONCERNING SAG INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. COMMENTING ON JAN. 2, STAR SAID," HIS DETERMINATION TO FACE THE REALITIES OF THE VERY REAL RED THREAT IN AFRICA WAS NOT MATCHED WITH A COMPARABLE FRANK DETERMINATION TO FACE REALITIES AT HOME... HE GAVE NO HINT OF SIGNIFICANT EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON URBAN BLACKS, NOR THE RESTRAINTS ON THE INDIAN AND COLOURED PEOPLES... IT WAS HARDLY A RALLYING CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY WITH WHICH TO MEET THE RED THREAT."

2. LEAD ARTICLE IN PRETORIA NEWS SAYS DEFENSE FORCE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMS THAT SOME CITIZEN FORCE REGIMENTS ARE BEING CALLED UP TO UNDERGO INTENSIVE TRAINING AT BLOEMFONTEIN SOME WILL BE SENT OT THE "OPERATIONAL ZONE" FOR TOURS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN EXTENDED FROM THE BASIC THREE WEEKS TO THREE MONTHS. DEFENSE SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO SAY HOW MANY UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE INVOLVED, BUT NOTED THAT MANY HAD VOLUNTEERED FOR EXTENDED SERVICE INCLUDING SENIOR OFFICERS AND CON-COMS. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST THIS BEING REGARDED AS A MASSIVE ALERT, NOTING THAT SOME WEEKS AGO IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT CF UNITS WOULD BE CALLED TO EXTENDED DUTY. PAPER SAID THAT NO POLICE RESERVISTS WERE BEING CALLED UP.
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